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The 1.8 Million people in Baltimore City and County served by the City's drinking water take heart! According to a study in the current edition of Men's Health, Baltimore, along with 10 other major cities scored an "A", placing us in the top tier for having the best drinking water in the country. According to the study all one hundred ranked cities had perfectly safe drinking water, but, not-surprisingly to us, <u>Baltimore's water is among the very, VERY best</u>.

According to *Men's Health*, the ranking is based on recent data regarding levels of arsenic, lead, haloacetic acids and total trihalomethanes, and total coliform bacteria, as well as the number of EPA violations for each water system from 1995 to 2005. The article points out that the nation's "water supply is generally first rate," and that "all the water supplies came in below the EPA's Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)...."

The magazine also notes that consumers should be wary of disreputable water-testing companies trying to sell you a product because your "water might be contaminated". WE know better!

http://www.menshealth.com/cda/article.do?site=MensHealth&channel=health&category=metrogrades&conitem=0d719cf736b40110VgnVCM10000013281eac____&page=1



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